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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Reference non-U.S. patent documents B1 and B2 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not meant to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is prior art or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), or that such information constitutes prior art.

An Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 was previously filed on August 4, 2004 disclosing the references A1-A8 and B1 as listed in the attached Form PTO/SB/08a. A copy of that Statement along with the Form PTO-1449 and the return post card

which was stamped and dated August 4, 2004 by the Patent Office are herewith enclosed.

However, Applicant noticed that there was no record of that previously filed Information

Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 on the Patent Application Information Retrieval

(PAIR) website of the Patent Office. Upon contacting the Examiner on February 19, 2009,

Applicant was advised to re-submit that Information Disclosure Statement.

Pursuit to the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant submit herewith this Information

Disclosure Statement prior to the receipt of a first Office Action reflecting an examination on the

merits, and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly,

no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-3038/12642.0065.NPUS01.

Respectfully submitted,

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with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be deemed

necessary, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which

may be required to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12642.0065.NPUS01.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered and made of

record in the present case, and that the Examiner initial the spaces on the accompanying Form

PTO-1449 to evidence the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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